

FEAR LOSS OF TRADE

"Frisco Merchants Concerned Over Chinese Boycott.

LOSS MAY REACH MILLIONS

China Buys Ten Millions of Exports Annually From United States. Of This Nine Millions is Bought in San Francisco, Principally Flour.

San Francisco, July 27.—Local merchants interested in trade with China have been rather over a rumor afloat that the Chinese boycott against American goods had gone into effect and that all the big milling and flour companies had received stop orders from their agents in the Orient, and that existing contracts had been cancelled.

This simmered down upon investigation to the action of a big Chinese importing firm countermarching its orders given to a local milling company for shipment by the next steamer to the Orient, the reason given being the receipt of "stop orders" from China. Other local firms assert that the Chinese boycott does not interfere with the trade and the volume of exports remain the same. China buys about \$220,000,000 worth of goods annually. Of this amount about \$20,000,000 comes from the United States, of which about \$9,000,000 comes from San Francisco. Of the latter amount nearly one third is flour, about 500,000 barrels being exported.

OYSTERMEN DISSATISFIED.

Decision in Hammond Case Inimical to Their Interests.

South Bend, July 27.—Considerable dissatisfaction is expressed by the oystermen in this harbor as to the decision of the supreme court in granting to T. W. Hammond and others, the right to file on the state reserve oyster lands. The oystermen contend that this practice will soon have a tendency to wipe out the business of raising native Shoal-water bay oysters. This season the state received some \$700 from the sale of seed oysters taken from the lands

that are now filed on and likely to be lost to the state. As the propagation of Eastern oysters by transplanting is on the increase the loss of the native business will not greatly affect the growers, who are gradually setting apart large tracts for the purpose of transplanting the Eastern seed thereon as fast as they are able to do so.

FOREST FIRE RAGES NEAR COUNCIL, IDAHO

Breaks Out in New Forest Reserve and is Very Threatening.

Council, Idaho, July 27.—A large forest fire is raging in the recently created forest reserve a few miles east of this place.

A large portion of the timber land within the fire area has been proven upon by claimants under the timber and stone act, but much of it is still government property. There is an immense body of timber there and unless the fire is checked much damage will be done. The section is filled with sheep and there seems but little doubt but what the fire originated in the campfire of some herder

Alexandrovsk Taken Without Loss.

Tokio, July 27.—Rear Admiral Kataoka, in reporting the successful landing of the Japanese forces in the vicinity of Alexandrovsk, on Sakhalin island, says that the piers at Alevandrovsk, Niyomi and Mukake were found undestroyed, but the enemy had set fire to Mumika and Alkova was still burning. The town of Alexandrovsk was not destroyed. The admiral's report, which was received at 7:30, P. M., on July 24, says that the Japanese flag was hoisted over the government buildings at Alexandrovsk without any loss to the Japanese forces.

Lives With Broken Neck in Cast.

Bridgeport, July 27.—Frank Brady, of Ansonia, who broke his neck on Wednesday while diving in shallow water at Meadows End, is still alive in St. Vincent's Hospital, this city. The fracture was reduced, and a plaster cast put on the patient's neck yesterday by a Boston specialist. The injured man's speech, eyesight and hearing are unimpaired, but he is paralyzed below the neck.

Linevitch Confirms the Loss of Castier.

St. Petersburg, July 27.—General Linevitch confirms the report that the Japanese landed a battalion of infantry at Castier July 24, occupied the light house and hoisted the Japanese flag.

SENT LOVE LETTERS

Miss Alice Roosevelt The Recipient of Epistles.

CAME FROM INSANE SOLDIER

Private James G. Jones Serving Term for Desertion on Governor's Island, President's Daughter. Man is Insane. Will Be Examined.

New York, July 27.—Private James G. Jones of the regular army who has been serving a term of imprisonment on Governor's island for desertion from his command at Fort Banks, Mass., has been removed from Castle Williams on a special order to be examined by a board of lunacy.

Although great secrecy has been maintained, the World states that it was learned yesterday that Private Jones had been sending love letters to Miss Alice Roosevelt. More than a score are said to have reached her through the mail, and the matter was placed in the hands of the secret service agents when Jones finally sent a sharp note to Mrs. Roosevelt in which he charged the latter with standing between the President's daughter and himself.

The secret service men soon located the writer of the letters but were unable to learn how he managed to mail them. Some of them expressed the belief that he was feigning insanity.

FOUR ARE DEAD; TWO ARE INJURED

Northern Pacific Freight Drops Into a Ditch With Fatal Results.

Helena, Mont., July 27.—A special to the Record from Forsyth says four people are dead and two are seriously injured as a result of an Eastbound Northern Pacific freight wreck between Myers and Rancher, 30 miles west of Forsyth. High water had carried away a small concrete bridge, and the freight, in charge of Engineer James Wilson and Conductor Peter Emge, plunged into the opening. The engine and five cars were piled into the ditch. The dead: James Wilson, engineer Forsyth, Mont. Edward Lucifer, fireman, Forsyth, Mont. Two unknown tramps. Injured: John Campbell, brakeman, of Forsyth. One unknown tramp. The injured have been brought here. The bodies of the killed have not been recovered from the wreckage. The freight had orders to run from Rancher to Myers to meet the west bound passenger train. Luckily the freight struck the washout before the passenger or there would have been terrible loss of life. The passenger was flagged a short distance from the wreck. The company is making heroic efforts to clear the track.

"AN INFAMOUS LIE."

Witness So Dubs Published Statement of Fugitive Attorney Collins.

Victoria, July 27.—During the hearing of the Collins extradition case today many discussions occurred between Collins and Assistant District Attorney Whiting, of San Francisco, who was on the stand, in which Collins sought to belittle Whiting's knowledge of law for expressing the opinion that under the laws of California, Collins was amenable to perjury. Notary Henry, the witness whom Collins is accused of having tampered with, in answer to Collins' published statement, said that Collins' statement was false. "It is an infamous lie," he said, "and the facts will be shown at the proper time."

GIGANTIC EXPLOSION.

Forty Tons of Dynamite To Be Ignited at Portsmouth, N. H.

Portsmouth, N. H., July 27.—There is likely to be a crash of bric-a-brac in the handsome houses along the water front when the huge blast of 40 tons of dynamite at Henderson's Point is set off on Saturday. For three years George H. Keys of Boston, has been preparing for the explosion that is expected to lift 70,000 tons of rock into the air. No one can conceive what a spectacle this gigantic upheaval in the harbor is to be, for it is the biggest blast ever projected. That which removed Hell Gate, in the East River, New York, has long held the record for the amount of explosives used. But for the contem-
porary dynamite is to be employed.

Upwards of \$200,000 has been spent by Mr. Keys, the contractor, in getting ready for the destruction of the rocky point which obstructs the approach to the new dry dock at the Portsmouth navy yard. Rear Admiral W. W. Mead, commandant of the yard, doesn't think any serious damage will be done by the explosion, but he isn't at all sure. He has sent a letter of warning to the citizens of Portsmouth, Kittery and New Castle, in which he advises that bric-a-brac and all small articles that are liable to fall from a sudden jar should be secured; all windows and doors should be opened, and in houses in New Castle, on the point, persons should avoid being in rooms where the plastering is liable to fall from a shock.

Japanese Continue Advance.

Kunchan gzu, Manchuria, July 27.—According to reports from Corea the Japanese continue advancing along a 40-mile front. Their vanguard is now about 80 miles from the mouth of the Tumen river. The Coreans estimate the strength of the Japanese army at about 40,000 men. Their main force is concentrated at Kenchen.



We have planned to avail ourselves of all space now used for broken lots and remnants of this season's ready-to-wear garments and piece goods, in time to admit of the proper care for our **FALL STOCK**, soon to arrive.

In order to accomplish this, we have for several weeks been cutting prices to cost and below cost, and this

Great Reduction Sale Continues the Balance of This Month.

Bargains in every department make a visit to our store worth your while.

Let us tell you about some of the wearables and merchandise that come under this cut, and then come in and see the rest for yourself.

CLOAK AND SUIT ROOM UP STAIRS

All garments go at cost. Among other things that are on the second floor you will find:

LONG LAWN KIMONAS & WRAPPERS, marked down to 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1 each. They will go quickly to the wise shopper.

SHORT WHITE AND COLORED LAWN KIMONAS, at 50 cents.

Some are worth double and more earlier in the season, but they are broken in sizes, and must go regardless of cost price.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

All trimmed hats must be sold, whether the price reaches our cost or only half of that.

\$2.50 will buy, what may have cost us \$5.00. Can you afford to miss this chance?

BATHING SUITS AT COST.

Alpaca Bathing Suits for ladies, sell at \$2. That's what they cost. Children's One Piece bathing suits at 75c, the price we paid the manufacturer.

CHILDREN'S WASH DRESSES

At 25c to \$1.50 are unusual bargains at the price.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S JACKETS

Coats and jackets for the little ones materials consisting of white pique, duck and ladies' cloth, to be sold absolutely at cost.

WASH SKIRTS.

At less than the material can be bought for.

REMNANTS.

Of wash goods and other materials at prices so low, that you can afford to put the goods away until you are ready to have them made up.

SHIRT WAISTS.

Of white summer materials and **SILK Shirt Waists** all go at greatly reduced prices.

Plenty of help to wait upon you. Our plans are ready for the **GREATER BEE HIVE**, for which the building is now being completed. To make up for any disadvantage due to our crowded present quarters we have prepared you genuine bargains in everything we advertise, so that you will agree with us that "What we say we do—we do."

THE BEE HIVE

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AMERICAN GUESTS WERE ENTERTAINED

Tokio Bankers and Merchants Banquet Taft and Miss Roosevelt.

Tokio, July 27.—The bankers and merchants of Tokio entertained Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt at the Maple Club tonight at a Japanese dinner, at which there was a giesha dancing. The clubhouse was handsomely decorated and illuminated, and American and Japanese flags crossed throughout the building. Shiba Park, surrounding the club house, was illuminated, and the driveways were thronged with crowds that cheered Miss Roosevelt and Secretary Taft as they arrived at and departed from the club house. The streets in the center of the capital were illuminated, and there was a brilliant display of fire works in honor of the Americans. The popular demonstrations and official and private courtesies shown the visitors have been the most remarkable ever shown foreigners.

MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES.

Hendricks' Assistant Reports a Mutual Reserve Life Ins. Co.

Albany, July 27.—Concealment of judgments against the company amounting to \$182,767, exaggeration of its surplus by \$300,000 and a fixed policy of delay in settling claims are some of the charges made against the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company by Chief Examiner Isaac Vanderpool in his report submitted to State Superintendent of Insurance Hendricks and today made public.

The examination was begun last December and covers a period back to 1899. The company's headquarters are at New York City and claims that the assets are between five and six millions are made.

RECALCITRANT BROKER.

Refused to Answer Questions Relative to Cotton Report Leakage.

Washington, July 27.—F. A. Peckham, a New York broker, refused to answer questions as to his dealings in agricultural products, before the grand jury investigation of the cotton report leakage.

Peckham was thereupon told by United States District Attorney Beach that unless he changed his mind by tomorrow morning his recalcitrancy will be reported to Judge Wright, of the Supreme court of the District of Columbia, who already has given public notice of his intentions to punish any witnesses refusing to proper questions.

BASEBALL SCORES.

Portland, July 27.—Portland, 1; Seattle, 5.
San Francisco, July 27.—Tacoma, 0; San Francisco, 2.

Inexpensive Summer Outings.

Sinkins—Are you going to take your family to the country this summer?
Timkins—No; we are going to remain at home and enjoy all the pleasures of rural life at half the cost.

Sinkins—How will you manage it?
Timkins—By putting a few bricks in the mattress, removing the fly screens from the windows, and laying in a supply of canned meats and vegetables.
—Chicago News.

Furniture For Sale.

The book cases, papers, racks and other library furniture of the Astoria Library for sale at very reasonable prices. Call at library room immediately.

R. M. Gaston has added a complete stock of harness, collars and saddles to his implement and vehicle line at 105 14th St. Astoria.



A SHORT STOP

At our store does the trick. That is if you want anything in summer clothing and study the cost. See what we can do in warm weather wearables at

\$10.00 A SUIT

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The Dressy Shop for Dressy Men

THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL.

Maintains unexcelled service from the west to the east and south. Making close connections with trains of all transcontinental lines, passengers are given their choice of routes to Chicago, Louisville, Memphis and New Orleans, and through these points to the far east.

Prospective travelers desiring information as to the lowest rates and best routes are invited to correspond with the following representatives:

- B. H. TRUMBULL, Commercial Agent, 142 Third St., Portland, Ore.
- J. C. LINDSEY, Trav. Passenger Agent, 142 Third St., Portland, Ore.
- PAUL B. THOMPSON, Pass'gr. Agent, Coleman Building, Seattle, Wash.

Bent Her Double.

"I knew no one for four weeks when I was sick with typhoid and kidney troubles," writes Mrs. Annie Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa. "And when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders; at Charles Rogers' drug store; price 50c.

A Steak Broiled to your heart's content.

Here vim to your appetite does lend.

THE GRILL

541 COMMERCIAL STREET Next to Hoefler's.

Opened under the management of F. F. Bowers will be conducted as a good quick-lunch room at popular prices.

Neatly equipped private dining room for ladies and parties in rear.

Our Coffee Is Unexcelled.

OUR LINE

of Children's Strap Sandals is complete.

Let Little People Have Foot Comfort

Patent Leather Strap Sandals, sizes 2 to 5	60c
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Vici Kid Sandals, turned soles, sizes 8 1-2 to 11, \$1.10

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Wherity, Ralston & Company

The Leading Shoe Dealers.

The Foard & Stokes Co.

HERE'S STORE NEWS!

That should interest every woman who practices economy. Our Dry Goods Department is fast becoming what we intend to make it

The largest and most largely patronized Dry Goods Store in the City.

We are naturally proud of the success our efforts are meeting with, but we don't intend to rest on the laurels already won, but are earnestly striving for still greater success.

There's one thing in particular that has gained for us prestige over all other stores and that is this fact

We've only new merchandise to show you.

No matter how good an article of dry goods once was, if it's old, its value has decreased. Each season sells its own goods at this store. This week we are going to dispose of all

SPRING AND SUMMER WAISTS

If you've a want in this direction, make your selections early.

THERE'S ONE-THIRD OFF!

The Lace and Embroidery Sale still continues

THE FOARD & STOKES CO.

The Store That Sells Only New Goods.

